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Please amend the claims as follows:

1.-10. (canceled)

11. (currently amended) An energy storage ~~device~~ device, comprising:

a case having an opening;

an electrode assembly in ~~disposed within~~ the case, the electrode assembly including electrodes, the electrodes including one or more at least a positive electrodes and one or more negative electrodes a negative electrode member;a cover configured ~~disposed~~ to cover the opening of the case and defining a hole,the cover being made of ~~aluminum~~ aluminum, andthe cover being electrically connected to one of the electrodes
~~electrode members of the electrode assembly~~; anda disk-shaped plug configured ~~disposed~~ to seal the hole,the plug ~~being made of aluminum~~ including aluminum, andthe plug being electrically connected to the cover,~~the plug further having a layer of a material second metal or metal alloy~~
other than aluminum ~~formed~~ on a top surface thereof of the plug,the material being a metal or a metal alloy, andthe layer being in electrical communication with the electrically connected
to the aluminum included in the cover so as to form a terminal of the energy
storage device.12. (currently amended) The energy storage device of claim 11, wherein the layer of
material ~~second metal or metal alloy~~ has a melting point higher than the melting point of
aluminum.13. (currently amended) The energy storage device of claim 11, wherein the layer of
material ~~second metal or metal alloy~~ is selected from the group consisting of nickel,
stainless steel, titanium, copper, and alloys thereof.

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14. (currently amended) The energy storage device of claim 11, wherein the layer of material ~~second metal or metal alloy layer~~ is in accordance with a layer deposited on the ~~formed by deposition over the~~ top surface of the plug ~~aluminum~~.

15. (currently amended) The energy storage device of claim 11, wherein the layer of material ~~second metal or metal alloy layer~~ is a metal cladding on a clad ~~formed within a recess of the top surface of the~~ plug ~~aluminum~~.

16.-27. (canceled)

28. (currently amended) The energy storage device of claim 11, wherein the layer of material is in accordance with a layer deposited on the top surface of the aluminum.

29. (currently amended) The energy storage device of claim 11, wherein the layer of material is a metal cladding on the top surface of the aluminum.